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1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST WORKING SESSION
MONDAY, 12 JUNE, DURING WHICH TIME RESOLUTIONS WERE
PRESENTED BY SPONSORS. AT THE OUTSET, CHAIRMAN VELD-
KAMP ANNOUNCED THAT MULTINATIONALS RESOLUTIONS TWO, NINE
AND SIXTEEN HAD BEEN CONSOLIDATED. THE NEW TEXT IS AS
FOLLOWS: QUOTE

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND
SOCIAL POLICY, SUBMITTED BY THE WORKERS' GROUP

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PREAMBLE

1. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTRNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANIZATION,

2. CONSIDERING THAT THE GROWTH IN ACTIVITY IN RECENT
YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE

INDUSTRY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOR THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STATES,

3. CONSIDERING THAT THE GROWTH OF THE ACTIVITY OF MULTINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPANIES HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND FOR THE SOCIAL FIELD,

4. NOTING THE TRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES CONCERNING MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND SOCIAL POLICY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AT ITS 204TH (NOVEMBER 1977) SESSION AND THE SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF A FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE;

OPERATIVE

INVITES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE STUDIES, RESEARCH AND OTHER ILO ACTIVITIES ALREADY CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SOCIAL POLICY ON THE AGENDA OF THE 1980 SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE, WITH A VIEW TO THE ADOPTION, IN PARTICULAR, OF INTER-
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NATIONAL LABOUR INSTRUMENTS. UNQUOTE (COMMENT: FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AND COMMUNICATION PURPOSE, WE HAVE NUMBERED THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ONE THROUGH EIGHTEEN AND WILL LEAVE THEM IN THAT ORDER END COMMENT) FOLLOWING ROUTINE PROCEDURE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE 1130H 14 JUNE. IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAW AN INTELLIGENT CONCLUSION ON OUTCOME DUE IN PART PREOCCUPATION AND BACKGROUND MANEUVERING FOR GOVERNING BODY ELECTION WHICH TAKES PLACE JUNE 13.

2. APPLICATION OF STANDARDS COMM. ELECTED CHAIRMAN RODRIGO VALDEZ BAQUERO (ECUADOR), EMPLOYER DIANA MAHABIN (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO) AND WORKER JEF HOUTHUYS (BELGIUM). HOUTHUYS HAD EARLIER THREATENED TO PROPOSE DELETION OF CRITERION SEVEN OF SPECIAL LIST BUT DURING WORKER GROUP MEETING AND TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE HE SUPPORTED MAINTAINING THE LIST AND PARAGRAPHS UNCHANGED. GENERAL DISCUSSION CENTERED ON ROLE AND PRINCIPLES OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS. COMMUNIST COUNTRIES STRONGLY CRITICIZED PARAGRAPH TEN OF EXPERTS REPORT AS UNFAIR TO "SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". THEY URGED ABOLITION OF THE SPECIAL LIST AND PARAGRAPHS IN THE CONFERENCE APPLICATION COMMITTEE

REPORT BECAUSE THEY CENSURE GOVERNMENTS INSTEAD OF HELPING
THEM. DEFENSE OF EXPERTS AND ILO SUPERVISION IN GENERAL
SO FAR LOW-KEYED IN GOVERNMENT AND WORKER GROUPS. SRI
LANKAN WORKER GAVE EXTENSIVE SUPPORT TO EXPERTS AND TO
CRITERION SEVEN WHILE NIGERIA AND SRI LANKA GOVERNMENTS
USED ARGUMENTS REFLECTING THE SOVIET LINE. MOST EFFECTIVE
STATEMENT OF WESTERN VIEWS GIVEN BY WILLIAM JAMES (UK
GOVT.). GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCLUDES WEDNESDAY.
VANDER HEUVEL. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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